[Translation]

Welfare schemes for Economically weaker sections

2502. DR. BALIRAM : Will the Minister of WELFARE be pleased to state :

(a) the details of the welfare schemes started for the economically weaker sections of Uttar Pradesh alongwith the amount allocated under these schemes during each of the last three years;

(b) whether these funds have been utilised properly; and

(c) if so, the number of persons benefited under these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF WELFARE (SHRI BALWANT SINGH RAMOOWALIA) : (a) The details of the welfare schemes for economically weaker sections of Uttar Pradesh and the amount allocated under these schemes during the last three years are given in the attached statement.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) Approximately 1497475 persons were benefited under these schemes during the last three years.

STATEMENT

(Rupees in Lakhs)

S.No.	Name	1993-94	1994-95	1995-96
1.	Special Central Assistance to SCP	5933.29	6297.51	5893.03
2.	Scheduled Castes Dev. Corpns.	238.77	282.32	-
3.	Liberation of Scavengers	3763.00	4505.49	3800.16
4.	Post Matric Scholarship for SC/ST students	350.00	1421.51	1669.82
5.	Pre-Matric Scholarship for Children	80.33	166.31	68.13
6.	Boys Hostel for SC	60.65	-	66.93
7.	Girls' Hostel for SC	15.77	-	31.82
8.	Book Banks for SC/ST students	103.09	78.21	15.00
9.	Coaching & Allied for SC/ST	3.00	-	-
10.	Implementation of PCR & Atrocities Act	49.60	178.51	399.43
11.	Upgradation of Merit of SC & ST students	-	4.92	-
12.	National Backward Classes Finance and Development Corporation	1510.14	1402.001	164.41
13.	Pre-Examination Coaching for Weaker Sections based on Economic criteria	6.52	34.84	36.72
14.	National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation	-	1376.00	93.00

[English]

Workers in Hazardous Position

2503. SHRI MANIKRAO HODLYA GAVIT : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether the Government have made any investigation into the working conditions in certain small-scale industries like mining of slate plates, manufacturing of slate pencils fire crackers, match factories and Beedi industries where the workers have to work in most hazardous and harmful conditions leading to their contracting various incurable diseases;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to improve the working conditions of the workers?

THE MINISTER OF LABOUR (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM) : (a) to (c). The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

PCOs in villages

2504. SHRI HARIN PATHAK : Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state :

(a) the present coverage of PCOs in rural areas and the quantum of additions envisaged for the remaining current Five Year Plan period;

(b) the details of Post Offices in rural areas which do not have PCOs and target time to instal PCOs in every village Post Offices, State-wise/district-wise;

(c) whether SC/ST and Backward Classes are given preferential treatment in allotment of PCO booths; and